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Rural Water Supply Comprehensive Scheme - Progress of work and expenditure for half year ending 31st March 1967 - Board's review - Recorded.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Subject

RURAL WATER SUPPLY - Provincial Comprenensive Scheme Progress of works and expenditure for the half year ending 31st March 1947 - Review.

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Station.-Madras Dated 27th October 1947

From

C.A. Ramakrishnan Esq., I.C.S.,
Joint Secretary, Board of Re....., ...
V.N. Kudva Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue, Excise and Prohibition.

Read:- Statements from the Collectors of all Districts except Madras.

RESOLUTION

The Board submits to the Government a statement showing the progress of works and expenditure incurred under the comprehensive scheme of Rural Water Supply for the half year ending 31st March 1947.

2. PROGRESS OF WORKS.

During the half year under review 1,153 works were completed and 2,901 works were in progress. As many as 142 works were completed and abandoned as the water found in these cases was brakish. The progress of works is below 10% in the districts of Krishna, Chingleput, South Arcot and Malabar, between 10% and 20% in the districts of Vizagapatam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Nellore, Cuddapah, Anantapur, Kurnool and Salem and above 20% in the districts of Guntur, Bellary, Chittoor, North Arcot, Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Madura, Ramnad, Tinnevelly and Coimbatore.

VISAGAPATAM:- In this district, 109 works have been completed during the half year against 115 in the previous half year and 259 works were reported to be in progress. Except in Parvatipuram Division, where 43 works were completed the work in other divisions is unsatisfactory. The Collector is requested to see that the works now in progress are completed immediately. 38 works are reported to have been abandoned. The Board presumes that the Collector has satisfied himself that adequate reasons have been given for the abandonment of such a large number of works.

EAST GODAVARI:- Only 60 works have been completed during the half year out of 334 programmed for execution against 57 in the previous half year. 219 works were reported to be in progress. The Collector has observed that no explanation was given by the Revenue Divisional Officers for the slow progress and the Revenue subordinates have not evinced much interest in this branch of work. The Board had occasions to notice delays in the preparation of revised estimates and this is very unsatisfactory when one Minor Irrigation Supervisor is now attending exclusively to the Rural Water Supply Works. The Collector is requested to take disciplinary action against those who are responsible for the continuous slow progress and report the result of the action taken by him to the Board. He is also requested to issue special instructions to his subordinate officers to see that the works left over in 1946-47 and those programmed for 1947-48 are completed during 1947-48.

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WEST GODAVARI:- In this district, out of 135 works programmed for execution in the three divisions of Ellore, Bhimavaram and Kovvur, only 18 works have been completed against 36 in the previous half year. 26 works were reported to be in progress. 13 works have been abandoned. The result achieved is very unsatisfactory. It appears to the Board that the M.I.Os. have been left to themselves both in the preparation of the estimates and in the execution of works. It also reveals want of drive on the part of the Revenue Divisional Officers and Taluk Officers unless stern steps are taken to accelerate progress nothing tangible or useful will be turned out. The Collector is informed that it serves no purpose, to review the progress merely without taking steps to rectify them. The Board expects better results in the ensuing half year.

KISTNA:- Out of 322 works programmed for execution, only 30 works have been completed against the same number in the previous half year. It is presumed that the number of works viz. 15 noted in the statement appended to the review is a mistake for 30. The Board observes that this district has been continuously inactive and has made no headway in the execution of Rural Water Supply works. Considering the need for providing this essential amenity i.e. drinking water to the villagers, the progress made is practically nothing, compared with the total number of works scheduled for execution. The Collector is informed that the execution of works in his district has been neglected and that no action is being taken by the Collector on the continuous adverse remarks made by the Board and that all the works left over in 1946-47 and those programmed for 1947-48 should be completed before 31-3-48 without fail. He is also requested to take immediate and suitable action against his subordinates who exhibit slackness in this branch of work.

GUNTUR:- In this district 145 works were proposed for execution. 56 works have been completed during the half year against 16 in the previous half year. 45 works were reported to be in progress leaving 44 works yet to be taken up. Though the progress is satisfactory, the Collector is requested to direct the Revenue Divisional Officers and Taluk Officers to bestow more attention to this branch of work than before and keep up the progress.

NELLORE:- Out of 832 works programmed for execution, only 124 have been completed during the half year against 49 in the previous half year. 398 works are reported to be in progress and 15 abandoned. The number of works completed is very small and works out to only 15% of the targed aimed at. The months covered by the review were the most suitable for the execution of well works and the completion of 124 works only is not satisfactory. The Collector is requested to instruct his subordinates to take every effort to complete the works left over in 1946-47 and those proposed for execution during 1947-48 before 31-3-1948.

CUDDAPAH:- In this district, out of 397 works scheduled for the year only 54 works have been completed during the half year against 15 in the previous half year. 283 works were reported to be in progress and 3 abandoned. The Board observes that the outturn is unsatisfactory. This continues to be so in spite of the special instructions issued to the Collectors of Ceded districts to pay particular attention to the provision of drinking water facilities in these districts. With the increasing availability of materials, the poor progress needs investigation by the Collector. The Collector's review is very very short and makes no mention about the reasons which contributed to the poor progress. He is requested to show better progress in the next half year and to take special steps to accelerate the execution of works.

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ANANTAPUR:- Out of 217 works programmed for execution during the year 1946-47, only 27 works have been completed during the half year against 22 in the previous half year. Considering the fact that the period covered by the review was eminently suited for well construction, the progress made is not satisfactory. The Collector has adduced four reasons for not executing a large number of works, (1) Difficulty in getting blasting materials and cement, (2) works being scattered throughout the district, (3) low schedule of rates and (4) difficulty in securing labour. As regards the difficulty in securing blasting materials, the attention of the Collector is invited to B.P.Rt.10 dated 2-1-46 and he is requested to take immediate steps to apply to the firms referred to in the Board's proceedings to secure blasting materials. Regarding the requirements of cement the Board observes that the Government have issued instructions to the cement Adviser to supply the necessary quantity of cement applied for by the Collectors. The reason that works are scattered throughout the district in the remote villages which have no communication need not necessarily hold up works, but at the worst can make progress slow. Regarding the low schedule of rates, usually the Public Works Department schedule of rates are adopted for Rural Water Supply Works. The Collector is requested to instruct his subordinate officers to speed up the execution and complete all the pending works before 31st March 1948 despite these difficulties which are not uncommon to other districts as well.

BELLARY:- In this district, out of 115 works proposed for execution 65 works have been completed during the half year against 21 in the previous half year. 88 works are reported to be in progress and 2 abandoned. The Board observes that good progress has been made and it expects that this record will be maintained in the subsequent half years also.

KURNOOL:- Of the 106 works scheduled for execution, only 12 works have been completed during the half year against an equal number in the previous half year. 53 works were in progress while 3 have been abandoned. The progress is extremely poor. The Collector is requested to speed up the execution of works and to show good progress in the coming half year.

CHINGLEPUT:- In this district, 628 works were programmed for execution but only 59 works have been completed against 50 in the previous half year. The talukwar particulars furnished by the Collector indicate that 5 works were completed in Madurantakan and five in Chingleput taluk while 14 were completed in Conjeevaram taluk. In Saidapet, Sriperumbudur, Ponneri and Trivellore taluks, 7, 10, 7 and 11 works respectively were completed. Only 1/10 of the target has been reached. Instructions to subordinate officers without these being followed up by action will be of no avail. The Collector has not indicated in his review the reasons for the poor progress. The Board observes that the progress is extremely poor and that every endeavour should be made to see that all works are completed before the close of the year 1947-48.

CHITTOOR:- Of the 133 works scheduled for execution, only 39 have been completed during the half year against 20 in the previous half year. 77 works were reported to be in progress and 2 abandoned. The particulars furnished by the Collector show that no work was completed in Madanapalli taluk. With a special staff to attend to Rural Water Supply Works, it is not clear why the progress is so unsatisfactory. As the Rural Water Supply staff require effective check, the Revenue Divisional Officers and taluk officers should make it a point to visit Rural Water Supply works when they are under execution. This will go

great way to accelerate the progress of execution. The Collector is requested to take disciplinary action against those responsible for the continuous slow progress and report the result of the action taken by him to the Board.

NORTH ARCOT: The progress made is poor as only 52 works out of 257 works scheduled for execution have been completed. Though there is a slight improvement over the last years progress, it is still unsatisfactory. From the statement appended to the Collector's review it is seen that only one work was completed in Tirupattur taluk while the other taluks do not fare well except Tiruvannamalai taluk, where 10 works have been completed. The Collector is requested to impress on the subordinate officers the great need for attending to this very important work and to show better progress in the coming half years.

SOUTH ARCOT:- In this district only 21 works have been completed against 231 programmed for execution for the year. In spite of Board's comments in the previous reviews the progress achieved is not satisfactory. No work was completed in Kallakurichi and Cuddalore taluks while Chidambaram, Virudhachalam and Tindivanam taluks follow with 1, 2 and 2 works respectively. The Collector is requested to initiate a special drive to see that all the works are executed expeditiously and to show better results in the next half years.

TANJORE:- In this district 147 works were proposed for execution, out of which 135 works have been completed during the half year and 1 work was reported to have been abandoned. Though 68 of these works relate to the construction of platforms the Board is pleased to note that the target has more or less been reached. It expects that the Collector will keep up this standard.

TRICHINOPOLY:- ~~In this district 147 works were proposed for execution, out of which 135 works have been completed and during the half yea~~

Of the 186 works proposed for execution, only 159 works were taken up for execution. 40 works have been completed during the half year against 18 in the previous half year. The Collector is requested to show better progress in the coming half years.

MADHURA:- 47 works were scheduled for execution and 28 works have been completed during the half year against 6 in th previous half year. In the previous review, the Collector reported that 34 works were in progress but only 30 works have been accounted for in his review (28 works completed and 2 abandoned). It is not clear what became of the remaining four, as no work has been shown under the column "the number of works in progress at the end of the half year". The Collector is requested to explain the above and to take special endeavour to complete all the works within the scheduled time.

RAMNAD: Out of the 250 works programmed for execution only 84 have been completed against 38 in the previous half year. 115 works are reported to be in progress and 13 abandoned. The Collector is requested to take suitable action against the persons responsible for the flow progress. The Board expects better results during the next half years.

TINNEVELLY:- 77 works were proposed for execution. 33 works were completed during the half year against 17 in the previous half year, while 42 were reported to be in progress and

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and 7 abandoned. The Collector is requested to issue special instructions to complete all the pending works before the end of 31-3-48 and to show better progress in the coming half years.

Coimbatore:- Out of 112 works scheduled for execution only 31 have been completed during the half year against 4 in the previous half year. 77 works are reported to be in progress. The Board observes that the outturn is not satisfactory. The Collector has not also explained the reasons for the slow progress except routine instructions to the subordinate officers requesting them to bestow their personal attention and to complete the pending works. The Collector is requested to take steps to show better progress during the next half years.

Salem: Of the 449 works programmed for execution, only 57 have been completed during the half year against 9 in the previous half year. 165 works were reported to be in progress and 7 abandoned. The Board observes that a special Minor Irrigation Supervisor has been sanctioned for the Dt with a complement of M.I. Overseers and it is not clear why such poor progress has been the result. It appears that the Taluk officers and Revenue Divisional Officers have allowed matters to drift and exercised no control over the special Rural Water Supply staff. The Collector is requested to take disciplinary action against the officers responsible for the continued slackness and report the result to the Board.

South Kanara:- The Collector has reported that no new well work was taken up for execution during the year 1946-47 and only works which were left unfinished during the previous year were taken up for execution. Similar remarks were made by the Collector during the previous half year also. Of the 41 works taken up for completion, not even one work was completed during the year 1946-47. The Collector has not explained the reasons for not making any progress during the year as a whole. This is extremely unsatisfactory. He is requested to speed up the execution and complete the 41 works before 31-3-48 atleast.

Malabar:- Out of 283 works proposed for execution, only 19 have been completed against 14 in the previous half year. 65 works are reported to be in progress and 19 works abandoned. The Collector has not given any reasons for the poor progress, nor has he furnished any reasons, why such a large number of works has been abandoned. The Collector is requested to take steps to complete all the pending works during the year 1947-48 at least.

PROGRESS OF EXPENDITURE

From a perusal of the statement No.II, it is observed that the value of work done but not paid for is very heavy in East Godavari (more than one lakh) while/Vizagapatam and Nellore districts, the amount is more than 40 thousands in each Dt. It is also heavy in Kistna, Guntur, Bellary, Chingleput, Trichinopoly and Salem Dts. (between 10 thousands and 25 thousands) and less than 10 thousands in other Dts. The Collectors should take steps to see that payment keeps pace with the work done. The Collectors are requested to take special steps to make use of the entire allotment placed at their disposal before the close of the financial year without allowing any portion of it to lapse.

INSPECTIONS.

From the statement of Inspection, it is seen that the Revenue Divisional Officers of Nellore district have inspected a large number of well works. This is very satisfactory The R.D.Os. of Vizagapatam, Chittoor, Tanjore and Salem have inspected a fair number of works. The inspections made by the R.D.Os of East Godavari, Guntur, Kurnool, Bellary,

hingleput, North Arcot, Trichinopoly and Coimbatore are ot adequate. Those made by the R.D.Os of West Godavari, istna, Cuddapah, Anantapur, South Arcot, Ramnad, Tinnelly and Malabar are very poor. No inspection was made by he R.D.Os in Madura and South Kanara districts. Good progress in the execution of works can best be achieved only by frequent timely inspections by R.D.Os The Collectors are requested to impress upon the R.D.Os the importance of such nspections.

The Collectors of East Godavari, South Arcot, Tinnelly, Salem, South Kanara and Malabar have not inspected ny work while the Collectors of Visagapatam, West Godavari, untur, Krishna, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Chittoor, Chingleput, orth Arcot, Trichinopoly, Tanjore, Madura and Coimbatore have nspected a few works. The inspections made by the Collectors f Nellore, Anantapur, Bellary and Ramnad are satisfactory. he Board wishes to impress upon the Collectors the need and mportance of personal inspections by them with a view to peed up the Rural Water Supply Scheme.

Panchayats:- In G.O.No.1989 P.H., dated 30-7-45, the overnment approved the proposals of the Board that the Panhayat with a population of over 5000 and below 10,000 should e included in the scope of Rural Water Supply Scheme and the ollectors were also permitted to incur necessary expenditure n this regard. The Board while communicating their orders o the Collectors, laid special stress on as many works as ossible being completed. They were also requested to review he progress of works in these panchayats in their reviews to he Board.

From the reviews received from the Collectors, it is seen that the Collectors of West Godavari, Guntur, Cuddapah, Anantapur, Chingleput, North Arcot, Madura, Ramnad, Coimbatore, South Kanara and Malabar have not reviewed the progress made in their districts. It is not therefore possible to know what progress has been made in those districts. The progress made in other districts is shown below:

Vizagapatam: Out of 35 works proposed for execution, estimates for 32 have been received so far. The Collector has not reported the progress of these works.

East Godavari: In this district 16 works were programmed for execution but only 4 works have been completed. The remaining are reported to be in progress.

Krishna:- Proposals for the construction of 16 over-head tanks were received but only 2 estimates have been sanctioned so far. 2 estimates are pending with the Divisional Engineer (Highways). No work was completed.

Nellore:- The Collector the number of works proposed for execution but has reported that one work has been completed during the half year.

Bellary: 3 works were proposed for execution. One work in progress and the other 2 works are pending sanction of estim

Kurnool: Of the 5 works sanctioned, 3 works were completed and 2 are in progress.

Chittoor: Out of 9 works proposed, only one work has been completed while 7 are reported to be in progress. One work has not been taken up on account of some dispute in the selection of site.

South Arcot: Of the 18 works sanctioned in this district only 2 have been completed. The remaining 16 works have been included in the programme for the year 1947-48.

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Tanjore:- 3 bore wells were proposed to be executed in Adirampatnam Panchayat but the Govt. have ordered the deepening of only one of the 3 bore wells. Proposals have been received for the construction of an overhead tank in Ammapet Panchayat and this is pending sanction.

Trichinopoly:-In this district 3 works were programmed for execution. 2 works have been completed while the other is in progress.

Tinnevelly:-Out of the 24 works proposed estimates for 10 only were received and sanctioned. All the 10 works are in progress.

Salem: Though 22 works were programmed for execution 17 works were not taken up for execution. Of the remaining 5 works 2 have been completed and 3 were in progress.

The Collectors of West Godavari, Guntur, Cuddapah, Anantapur, Chingleput, North Arcot, Madura, Ramnad, Coimbatore, South Kanara and Malabar districts are requested to send a special report regarding the reasons for making no reference in their reviews and to report the progress made so far in their districts

General:- A perusal of the several reviews by the Collectors indicates that not much attention is being bestowed on this branch of work. The Board has often pointed out to the Collectors how important it is to focus their attention on this very important question of providing an essential amenity in the villages. The prevalence of choera and other water-borne diseases still persisting in any villages can be attributed to the lack of providing protected water supply. It is within the knowledge of Collectors that the Government are prepared to sanction adequate staff and any amount of expenditure required for the vigorous execution of works under the Rural Water Supply Scheme. Collectors are aware of the fact that various representations are being made to the Ministers during the course of their tours for the provision of drinking water facilities. The Board recently examined in detail the measures that should be adopted for accelerating the execution of Rural Water Supply works. Several proposals like the opening of special classes for training of Overseers, appointing more number of Health Inspectors and the like were submitted to the Government and these are pending with them. With the cessation of hostilities and with the increasing availabilities of materials, exhibition of slackness and delay either in the preparation of estimates or in the execution of works should be sternly repressed. In view of the benefits which the scheme will confer on the people the Collectors are requested to take personal interest in the working of the scheme. To this end, all the works should be completed within the year programmed as the carrying over of the residual work to the succeeding year impedes the execution of new works of that year. The Board expects the Collectors to have greater check over the special staff and execute all the works within the year programme

In conclusion the Board considers that the main responsibility for the slow progress has to be fixed on the special Minor Irrigation Overseers and Special Minor Irrigation Supervisors when the Tahsildars, Revenue Divisional Officers and Collectors have so much of other and more urgent work to do. It would be desirable to fix a minimum outturn for the special Minor Irrigation Overseers and punish them if they do not accomplish the work fixed for them. The Minor Irrigation Overseers must be made to realise that Collectors, Revenue Divisional Officers and Tahsildars are taking personal interest in the Rural Water Supply comprehensive scheme and this they will realise if the Collectors and other officers make it a point to send for the Minor Irrigation Overseers during their tours and

and enquire about the progress of works. This may not take much of their time, but on the other hand, may make a lot of difference to what the Minor Irrigation Overseers do. Actual inspection of works by Collector and Revenue Divisional Officers is even less important than inquiries of the Minor Irrigation Overseers as suggested above.

The return for the half year ending 31-3-47 was due from the Collectors on the 15th April 1947 but none of them submitted in time. Some of them, for instance the Collectors of Anantapur, Kurnool, Chingleput and Coimbatore sent their reviews late in June 1947 while the Collector of East Godavari submitted it ~~in June 1947~~ on 10-7-47, after a long delay. On scrutiny, the returns were found to be defective and incomplete in some respects and references had to be issued ~~a~~ to collect the additional particulars required, which also contributed towards the delay. The Collectors are therefore requested to submit correct and complete returns on the due date without fail

(Sd). N.V. Pugavanam,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department (with statements)
To the Collectors of all districts except Madras (with statements)
To the Secretary, C.D.E.D. Board (with statements

Forwarded/By Order

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Superintendent.

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Statement showing the progress of works under Provincial Comprehensive Scheme of Rural Water Supply for the Half year ending 31-3-1947:

Districts.	Total No. of works taken for the year according to the annual programme as well as unfinished of the previous half year ending 30-9-1946.	Number of works in progress including the unfinished works of the previous year	Number of works completed during the half-year.	Number of works completed & abandoned (e.g. found to contain leakish water & abandoned as failure	Percentage of Col. 4 to Col.5
	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1. Vizagapatam	587	259	109	38	18.6
2. East Godavari	334	219	60	11	17.9
3. West Godavari	135	26	18	13	13.3
4. Kistna	322	56	30	5	9.1
5. Guntur	145	45	56	Nil	38.6
6. Nellore	832	398	124	15	14.9
7. Cuddapah	397	283	54	3	13.6
8. Anantapur	217	180	27	Nil	12.4
9. Bellary	115	88	65	2	56.5
10. Kurnool	106	53	12	3	11.3
11. Chingleput	628	292	59	2	9.4
12. Chittoor	133	77	39	2	29.3
13. North Arcot	257	134	52	Nil	20.2
14. South Arcot	231	126	21	10	9.1
15. Tanjore	147	11	135	1	91.8
16. Trichinopoly	159	159	40	Nil	25.2
17. Madura	47	-	28	2	59.6
18. Ramnad	250	115	84	13	37.6
19. Tinnevelly	77	42	33	7	42.9
20. Coimbatore	112	77	31	Nil	31.2
21. The Nilgiris	-	-	-	-	-
22. Salem	449	165	57	7	12.7
23. South Kanara	-	41	-	-	-
24. Malabar	223	65	19	19	8.5
Total	5,903	2,901	1,153	142	22.2

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Statement II

Statement showing the progress of expenditure on works financed rom the Provincial Comprehensive Scheme for Rural Water Supply for the alf year ending 31-3-1947.

DISTRICTS.	Amount spent upto the half-year ending 30th September, 1946	Amount spent in the Half year ending 31st March, 1947	Value of work done but not paid for	Total value of work done upto date.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1. Vizagapatam	60,491- 7- 2	1,28,535- 8- 9	43,519- 0- 0	2,32,545-15-11
2. East Godavari	55,184- 9- 0	1,45,457- 8- 0	1,07,041- 0- 0	3,07,683- 1- 0
3. West Godavari	44,581- 5- 3	63,327- 1- 9	9,449- 0- 0	1,17,357- 7- 0
4. Kistna	45,513-14- 3	29,273-13- 0	18,937- 4- 0	93,724-15- 3
5. Guntur	60,862- 0- 0	74,463- 0- 0	13,675- 0- 0	1,49,000- 0- 0
6. Nellore	58,854- 0- 0	1,23,171- 7- 0	55,627- 0- 0	2,37,652- 7- 0
7. Cuddapah	36,974-14- 8	84,214- 4- 5	6,563- 8-10	1,27,752-11-11
8. Anantapur	23,347-14- 3	48,774-12- 4	3,313- 0- 0	75,435-10- 7
9. Bellary	95,323-10- 0	66,397- 1- 7	13,072- 6- 0	1,74,793- 1- 7
10. Kurnool	10,804- 3- 0	48,416- 0- 0	6,166-12- 0	65,386-15- 0
11. Chingleput	38,195- 0- 0	49,441- 8- 0	21,585- 0- 0	1,09,221- 8- 0
12. Chittoor	3,424- 0- 0	41,432- 8- 0	3,131- 0- 0	47,987- 8- 0
13. North Arcot	1,28,527- 2- 0	78,909- 6- 0	1,903-12- 0	2,09,340- 4- 0
14. South Arcot	32,697- 5- 0	32,560- 0- 0	5,145-11- 0	70,403- 0- 0
15. Tanjore	954- 0- 0	54,161-11- 2	Nil	55,115-11- 2
16. Trichinopoly	41,772- 0- 0	85,188- 0- 0	11,372- 0- 0	1,38,332- 0- 0
17. Madura	4,105-10- 0	19,358- 0- 0		23,463-10- 0
18. Ramnad	89,845- 5- 0	70,978- 3- 0	7,309- 0- 0	1,68,132- 8- 0
19. Tinnevelly	6,302- 0- 0	18,665-14- 0	200- 0- 0	25,167-14- 0
20. Coimbatore	3,485- 0- 0	43,306- 5- 0	3,969- 1- 0	50,760- 6- 0
21. The Nilgiris	..	..	..	..
22. Salem	18,812-13- 0	46,071-14- 0	10,012-14- 0	74,897- 9- 0
23. South Kanara	11,823- 6- 0	2,699-11- 6	2,720- 0- 0	17,243- 1- 6
24. Malabar	33,917- 7- 0	50,996-10- 0	2,843- 0- 0	87,757- 1- 0
	9,05,808-13- 7	14,85,800- 3- 6	3,47,495- 4-10	27,39,104- 5-11

STATEMENT NO.III

Statement of Inspections by Collectors and Revenue Divisional Officers.

Name of the district.	Number of wells inspected by Collectors	Number inspected by Revenue Divisional Inspectors.	Remarks
Vizagapatam	1	72	
East Godavari	Nil	33	
West Godavari	5	11	
Guntur	1	23	
Kistha	6		
Nellore	18		
Cuddapah	5		
Kurnool	8		
Anantapur	18		
Bellary	15		
Chittoor	1		
Chingleput	2		
North Arcot	3		
South Arcot	Nil		
Trichinopoly	1		
Tanjore	4		
Madura	1		
Ramnad	13		
Tinnevelly	Nil		
Coimbatore	2		
Salem	Nil	68	
The Nilgiris	-		
South Kanara	Nil	Nil	
Malabar	Nil	13	

C.No.95555/47 E & P.H.(Hl)

From the Board of Revenue B.P.Rt.No.6170, dated 27-10-1947

Rural Water Supply - Provincial Comprehensive Scheme - Progress of works and expenditure for the half-year ending 31-3-1947 - Board's review.

Memorandum No.85793/47-1Hl(PH), dated 13-12-1947.

The Government observe from the B.P. Rt.No.6170 dated 27-10-47 on the above subject that the progress of well works done in the districts of Madura, West Godavari, Kurnool, South Arcot, Malabar, Tinnevelly and Coimbatore during the half-year ending 31st March 1947 is very unsatisfactory. The Collectors concerned are requested to explain the circumstances under which such poor results were obtained.

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To the Collectors noted in the draft
To the Board of Revenue.

From

Sri Rao Saheb M.R. Bangara, B.A.,
Collector of Kurnool

To

The Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Fort St. George, Madra

No.Pdl. 621/47, dated the 26th December 1947.

Sir,

Rural Water Supply - Provincial Comprehensive Scheme - Progress of works and expenditure for the half year ending 31-3-47 - Board's review - Poor Progress - Reasons - Report - Submitted.

Government Memorandum No.85793-47-1, P.H d/13-12-47

I submit that although the necessity of providing protecte water supply sources in all the needy villages is being impressed on the subordinate officers from time to time, it has not been possible to secure good results due to the following reasons.

1. No contractors are forthcoming for rural water supply works. They are unwilling to take up these works at the sanctioned estimate rates as they find them unworkable and they get enhanced rates from the Highways department.

2. Want of labour which is accustomed to less arduous work and more remuneration.

3. Frequent revision of estimates for some reason or other.

4. Some well works which are scheduled to be taken up by the power drill allotted to this district could not be started as the power drill had to be engaged at the well works for the proposed sanitorium at Peapalli village.

2. Despite the several handicaps, steps are however being taken to push through the works.

Sd./ ** **
for COLLECTOR.

Tinnevelly District Magistrate's
Office,

From

K. Gulam Mahomood Sahib Bahadur, B.A.
District Magistrate, Tinnevelly

To

The Secretary to Government
Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

No.386/47-H.Y.E.-31-3-47, dated 6-1-1948

Sir,

Rural water supply - Provincial Comprehensive Scheme - Progress of works and expenditure for the half year ending 31st March 1947 - Reasons for poor results - Submitted.

Government Memorandum No.85793/47-1 H.1-P.H. and Public Health Department, dated 13-12-47.

The following circumstances have contributed to the poor results under Rural Water Supply

1. The heavy and unseasonal rains in this district during the second half of the year, which caused heavy springs and percolation retarded the further progress of the well work.

2. Difficulty in securing labour and in getting materials like cement.

3. Dearth of contractors due to the less attractiveness of the schedule of rates.

4. Inadequate technical supervising staff like Minor Irrigation overseers, lascars etc.

5. The construction of several subsidy wells and private buildings by private parties also contributed to the slow progress of well works

6. In this connection, it is submitted that a sum of Rs.24,967-14- 0 has been spent upto 31st March 1947 out of the nett allotment of Rs.26,400/- under 'A works' during the year 1946-47. This works out to 95 per cent.

From

F.W.A. Morris, Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S.,
Collector, Coimbatore

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Madras

L. Dis. 19452/47, dated 15-1-1948.

Sir,

Rural Water Supply - Provincial Comprehensi
- Progress of works and expenditure for the
ending

Ref:--

Ref: Government Memorandum No.85793/47-1 P.H., dated 13-12-47 and Reminder dated 7-1-48.

The progress of well works made in the previous half years and during the half year ending 31-3-47 is given below:

Period	Total Number of works	Number of works in progress	Number completed.
31-3-1946	100	86	9
30-9-1946	100	96	4
31-3-1947	112	77	31

It will be seen from the above that more works were completed during this half year (half year ending 31-3-47) than the other two previous half years. More works could not be completed for the following reasons.

2. Out of [illegible] Minor Irrigation Overseers in this district (two permanent and two temporary for Rural Water Supply) one post of Minor Irrigation Overseer is vacant as no qualified Minor Irrigation Overseer is available. Consequently the jurisdiction of the Minor Irrigation Overseers were altered and each Minor Irrigation Overseer has to be put in charge of 3 taluks. The Irrigation Overseers have to cover up a large area. The number of works also is large. They have to supervise the other items of works also. Want of more Minor Irrigation Overseers regards the progress of work at every stage viz. preparing estimates, giving instructions to the contractor and preparing final bills etc. If one Minor Irrigation Overseer can be appointed for each taluk, the works under the Rural Water Supply Scheme may be got executed more expeditiously.

3. Other minor difficulties such as securing suitable contractors and rainy season also retard the progress considerably.

4. Recently I have submitted a proposal to the Board of Revenue in my letter No.19435/47, dated 14-12-47 to entrust the well sinking works and to pay subsidy to them as in the case of irrigation wells for Agricultural purposes under the well subsidy scheme. If this proposal meets with the approval of the Government, the works can be speeded up.

[illegible] to the Grama Sangams and [illegible]

Sd/**

for Collector.

From

[illegible] Ratnam, Esq., M.A., I.C.S.
Collector of South Arcot,
Cuddalore

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Madras.

L.Dis. No.[illegible] dated 17th January 1948.

Sir,

Sub: Rural Water Supply Scheme
Progress of works and expenditure for the half year ending 31st March 1947 - Inadequate progress - Explanation - Submitted.

Ref: B.P. Rt.No.6170, dated 27-10-47 and Govt. Memo. No.85793/47-1 H.1-P.H., dated 13-12-47.

I may mention at the outset, that the half year ending in the 31st March 1947 was a period of great strain to the District

Minor Irrigation staff and also to some extent to the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars owing to the phenominally heavy rains in November and December 1946, and consequent flood damages to Minor Irrigation tanks. As many as 170 Minor Irrigation tanks had breached in the floods of November and December 1946 and the attention of the Minor Irrigation and Revenue staff had to be concentrated to putting up ring bunds and closing of breaches etc. Notwithstanding this, the progress in expenditure under Rural Water Supply in 1946-47 does not compare unfavourably with that in previous years. A statement showing the budget estimate, revised estimate and the actual expenditure incurred during the three years 44-45, 45-46 and 46-47 is given below

Year	Budget Estimate Rs.	Revised Estimate Rs.	Actua Rs.
1944-45	57,000- 0- 0	43,000- 0- 0	44,060- 6-
1945-46	52,700- 0- 0	66,037- 0- 0	58,047-15-
1946-47	50,000- 0- 0	68,000- 0- 0	65,346-14-

2. The expenditure during 1946-47 was nearly 1-1/8 times of the amount spent in 1945-46 and nearly 1½ times o the amount spent in 1944-45. Better progress was not possible in the year owing to factors such as paucity of trained staff, delays and difficulties in the selection of sites, difficulties met with in the actual execution of works; unworkable schedule of rates, lack of standard tools and plants and nonavailability of spare parts. In connection with the speeding of the Rural Water Supply Works, I have made certain suggestions to the Board. I enclose herewith full extracts of my reports made on various occasions to the Board of Revenue. I understand they are now under examination by the Government (Education and Public Health Department.) Please see B.P.Mis.1234, dated 11-9-47.)

3. In this connection, it may not be out of place to add that for the whole of the half year ending with 31st March 1947 there were wide-spread rains for 88 days and onl 53 days happened to be days of reasonably dry weather. In 53 working days it would not have been possible to spend more.

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for Collector.

Copy submitted to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue for favour of information.

1. Extracts of my letter Roc.V.4-22691/46, d/13-3-47 to the Board of Revenue (paras 15 and 16 only)
2. Roc.V.4-8038/47, dated 17-4-47 to the Board
6. D.Dis.8038/47, dated 3-5-47 to the Board.

From

Sri K. Rama Varma Raja, B.A.
Collector, Madura

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Dept.

D.Dis.No.19520-G/47, dated 4-2-1948.

Rural Water Supply - Provincial Comprehensive Scheme - Progress of works and expenditure for the half year ending 31-3-47 - Slow progress - Explanation submitted.

Govt. Memo.No.85793/47-1-H.1-P.H., d/13-12-47 and 17-1-48.

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44 works were taken up for execution during 31-3-47. Out this 34 works were accounted for in my Pdl.No.798-G/47-B.I d/9-5-47. The Board in its Review, communicated in B.P.R No.6170, d/27-1-47, mentioned only 30 works. The

discrepancy was subsequently explained in my Pdl.No.798-G/47-B.7, d/15-11-47. The remaining works could not be taken up and completed in time because of inadequate staff. As there were only 3 special Minor Irrigation Overseers, they could not cope wr up with the work. In my L.Dis. 17703-G/46, d/11-3-47 it was reported to the Board that progress could be accelerated if one Overseer with adequate staff were appointed for each taluk. The Board was also pleased to sanction one Special Minor Irrigation Overseer for each taluk (except Kodaikanal) in its Mis.No.397, d/29-3-47. In the circumstannes explained above, all these works programmed for execution, could not be completed before 31-3-47.

Sd. ** **
for COLLECTOR.

From

N. S. Arunachalam Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S.
Collector of Malabar, Calicut

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department

tural Reconstruction - Provincial Comprehensive Scheme - Progress of work and expenditure for the half year ended 31st March 1947.

Board's Reveiew - Reson for slow progress - Report
Govt. Memo.No.85793/47-1.H.P.H., dated 13-12-47.

The Chief reasons which contributed for the slow of works relating to Rural Water Supply Scheme during year ending 31-3-47 are the following:-

Cement required for work was not available in suffi-antity. In many cases supervismion of work became on account of lack of materials.

2. There was difficulty to get contractors to take up the work for ~~kx~~ the existing scheduled rates. There was considerable difficulty to get necessary labour for digging wells.

3. In this district the works sites are scattered all over the district. Though the Board sanctioned 3 M.I.Os for the Dt. only ~~xxx~~ one M.I.O. was working; the other two posts could not be filled up for ~~want~~ of men with the necessary technical qualification. The one M.I.O. was in charge of Ernad, Calicut, Kurumbranad, Kottayam and Chirakkal-taluks which constitute too wide an area for one M.I.O. The M.I.S. besides his supervision work was in additional charge of the remaining taluks also. The staff was therefore inadequate to direct and supervise the actual execution of work.

Until cement is available in sufficient quantities and the cost of labour and materials come to the level of the scheduled rates there will be difficulty to achieve better progress. I have instructed the subordinate officers to make special efforts to show as much progress as possible.

SD. ** **
for Collector.

p.t.o

West Godavari Collector's office
Ellore, dated 15th March 1948.

From

Sri Rao Saheb B. Madhavarao Naidu, M.A.,
Collector, West Godavari District, Ellore

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras

Sir,

Rural Water Supply - Provincial Comprehensive Scheme - Progress of work and expenditure for the half year ending 31-3-1947 - Further report

Government Memorandum No.85793/47-3 H.1 P.H., dated 8-3-1948.

I have submitted my report on the subject to the Board of Revenue in this office Ref. on Pdl. 693/47, D.8-2-48. A copy of it is enclosed for perusal.

Sd/ * *
for Collector.

Copy submitted to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue and Prohibition), Madras for favour of information. This has reference to Board's Ref.V.12633/47-1, d/7-1-48.

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p.t.o.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - Comprehensive Scheme - Progress Rep of works and expenditure for half-year ending 31st March 1947 - Board's Review - Recorded.

Education and Public Health Department

G.O.Ms.No.2030-P.H., Dated 15th June 1948

Read the following:-

From the Board of Revenue B.P.Rt.No.6170, dated 27th October 1947
From the Collector of Kurnool No.Pdl. 621/47, dated26th December 1947
From the Collector of Tinnevelly Prl. 386/47, dated 6-I-1948
From the Collector of Coimbatore, L.Dis. 19452/47, d/15-1-48
From the Collector of South Arcot, L.Dis.30061/47, d/17-1-48
From the Collector of Madura, L.Dis. 19520-G/47, d/4-2-48
From the Collector of Malabar, L.Dis.27697-47, d/18-2-48
From the Collector of West Godavari, Pd. 683/47, d/15-3-48.

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RECORDED.

2. The Government consider that the explanations given by the Collectors of Madura, West Godavari, Kurnool, South Arcot, Malabar, Tinnevelly and Coimbatore for poor results obtained in the execution of well-sinking works during the half-year ending 31-3-47 are unsatisfactory and that all Collectors should be asked to give their special attention to the execution of Rural Water Supply works and show better progress in the current year. In future the Collectors should submit promptly the monthly reports of Progress of works done by them. The Board of Revenue is requested to issue necessary instructions in the matter.

3. The Government also consider that each Overseer should prepare atleast 15 to 20 estimates per month for R.W.S. wells, which should be draw-wells only. The Board of Revenue is requested to include in its next report the average number of estimates which were prepared by each overseer in each district during the period covered by the report.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

Sd/ ** **
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To the Board of Revenue.
(2 S.Cs.)

(True copies)

Superintendent,
Madras Record Office.

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